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ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

53 May 31, 2011

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT AND ADVERTISE
ARROW HIGHWAY LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS, ET AL.
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF
CITRUS (COVINA ISLANDS) AND VALINDA
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to approve a project for landscape improvements in the unincorporated communities of Citrus (Covina Islands) and Valinda, find the project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, adopt the plans and specifications, and call for bids.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that this project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications that are on file in the Construction Division of the Department of Public Works for Arrow Highway Landscape Improvements, et al., in the unincorporated communities of Citrus (Covina Islands) and Valinda, at an estimated cost between \$425,000 and \$495,000.
3. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise for bids to be received and opened on June 28, 2011, in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain approval of the project from your Board, adopt the plans and specifications, and advertise for bids for landscape improvements, and the performance of other appurtenant work. The limits of the median landscaping are as follows: Arrow Highway from Enid Avenue to 500 feet east of Homerest Avenue, Vincent Avenue from Benbow Street to 150 feet north of Bellbrook Street. Vine planting will be performed at various locations in the unincorporated area of Valinda (see enclosure).

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). The recommended actions will help achieve these goals by enhancing the appearance of roadway medians and reducing the amount of graffiti by planting vines along the base of fences and walls, thereby improving the aesthetics of the communities.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction cost to complete this project is in the range of \$425,000 to \$495,000. Financing for this project is included in the First Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Recommended Fiscal Year 2011-12 Road Fund Budget. The Road Fund will be reimbursed with First Supervisorial District Funds in the Recommended Fiscal Year 2011-12 Public Works General Fund Budget.

The estimated annual maintenance cost for the median landscaping is \$10,000. Maintenance of the vine planting will be performed by adjacent property owners. Sufficient appropriation will be included in the First Supervisorial District's Annual Road Construction Program to fund ongoing maintenance.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This project, to contract for landscape improvements, is part of the Department of Public Works' (Public Works) ongoing program for the maintenance and improvement of roadway medians and for the beautification of walls and fences. This project will be advertised in accordance with Section 20392 of the State Public Contract Code.

This project is to be completed in 40 working days. It is estimated the work will start in November 2011 and be completed in December 2011.

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

The award of the contract will not result in unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to comply with terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract

Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by the contractor will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Sections 15301(c) and 15304(b) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines; Class 1, Subsections (x)(9), (x)(10), (x)(13) and (x)(14); and Class 4(c) of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987. These exemptions provide for the planting of parkway trees; median beautification; installation of sprinkler systems; and reconstruction of existing roadway pavement, curb and gutter, sidewalk, drive aprons, and drainage structures.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This project will be contracted on an open-competitive bid basis. A recommendation for award by your Board will be made after review of the bids. The contract will be awarded to a responsible contractor who submits the lowest responsive bid meeting the criteria established by your Board and the State Public Contract Code.

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by enhancing the appearance of roadway medians and by helping prevent graffiti and improving the aesthetics of the communities.

Maintenance of the median landscaping will be performed by Public Works. Maintenance of the vine planting, including watering and trimming, will be performed by the adjacent property owners.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER
Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

(ENCLOSURE)

VINE PLANTING IN VALINDA - PHASE 1
PLANTING LOCATIONS

554 Alderton Avenue	La Puente	91744	1103 Le Borgne Avenue	La Puente	91746
18306 Altario Avenue	La Puente	91744	440 La Seda Road	La Puente	91744
18559 Altario Avenue	La Puente	91744	16203 Maplegrove Street	La Puente	91744
15641 Alwood Avenue	La Puente	91744	13404 Moccasin Street	La Puente	91746
1202 Ardilla Avenue	La Puente	91746	13603 Moccasin Street	La Puente	91746
1205 Ardilla Avenue	La Puente	91744	16104 Montbrook Street	La Puente	91744
366 Big Dalton Avenue	La Puente	91746	16217 Montbrook Street	La Puente	91744
14528 Blackwood Street	La Puente	91746	16416 Montbrook Street	La Puente	91744
1133 Bromley Avenue	La Puente	91746	16102 Pocono Street	La Puente	91744
903 Cabana Avenue	La Puente	91744	16226 Pocono Street	La Puente	91744
13802 Caliero Street	La Puente	91746	13702 Ragus Street	La Puente	91746
907 Clintwood Avenue	La Puente	91744	14482 Ragus Street	La Puente	91746
18883 Damasco Avenue	La Puente	91744	14902 Ragus Street	La Puente	91744
18903 Damasco Avenue	La Puente	91744	14903 Ragus Street	La Puente	91744
14101 Dancer Street	La Puente	91746	13803 Rath Street	La Puente	91746
402 Deepmead Avenue	La Puente	91744	14204 Rath Street	La Puente	91746
15651 Dubesor Avenue	La Puente	91744	539 Ruthcrest Avenue	La Puente	91744
15706 Dubesor Avenue	La Puente	91744	602 Ruthcrest Avenue	La Puente	91744
15977 Dubesor Avenue	La Puente	91744	1050 Sandy Hook Avenue	La Puente	91744
1004 Edanruth Avenue	La Puente	91746	1157 Sandy Hook Avenue	La Puente	91744
18892 Elizondo Avenue	La Puente	91744	273 Shipman Avenue	La Puente	91744
14402 Fairgrove Avenue	La Puente	91746	1002 Siesta Avenue	La Puente	91744
15409 FellowShip Avenue	La Puente	91744	834 Stichman Avenue	La Puente	91746
15833 FellowShip Avenue	La Puente	91744	902 Stichman Avenue	La Puente	91744
15704 Francisquito Avenue	La Puente	91744	1060 Stichman Avenue	La Puente	91746
13472 Giordano Avenue	La Puente	91746	1102 Stichman Avenue	La Puente	91746
14945 Giordano Avenue	La Puente	91744	969 Van Wig Avenue	La Puente	91746
16405 Glenhope Avenue	La Puente	91744	1042 Van Wig Avenue	La Puente	91746
821 Greenberry Avenue	La Puente	91744	1213 Willow Avenue	La Puente	91746
1002 Greenberry Avenue	La Puente	91744	16553 Wing Lane	La Puente	91744
17904 Hurley Street	La Puente	91744	102 Zenith Avenue	La Puente	91744
13632 Judith Street	La Puente	91746			